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1. Soviet program for East Germany reviewed--US representative Page in Berlin, in reviewing the general Soviet program for Eastern Germany, expresses the opinion that the Kremlin "is making substantial progress" in its attempts to assimilate the eastern zone and comments that the most remarkable point in this progress is that such a "foreign imposed totalitarianism" is taking hold despite native antagonisms. The US representative believes that the east German youth organization is successfully utilizing many Nazi psychological and social patterns and the age-old German craving for group solidarity. Page remarks that the recent Communist-inspired youth rally in Berlin was an impressive demonstration of strength and that the present east German youth organization is comparable to the Hitler youth group in its corresponding stage of development. Page points out that the Communist "digestion process" in Eastern Germany is far from complete, but adds that, pending a major change in the world picture, the Communist steamroller for converting East Germans is unlikely to be halted by any local tactics.

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